

REMARKS

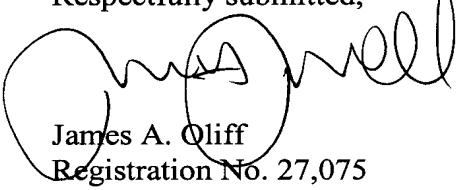
Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to correct an informality. No new matter is added.

The amendment to claim 1 should be entered under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.312 and MPEP §714.16 because it merely corrects an informality without changing the scope of the claims and, therefore, does not require further search and consideration. Specifically, "storage device" in line 6 of claim 1 was a typographical error that should have been recited as "storage unit," as is consistent with the other independent claims. This amendment was not presented earlier because Applicant's representative became aware of this informality after allowance.

In view of the foregoing, consideration and entry of the Amendment After Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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